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SUBJ: CHOLERA CONFIRMED IN TANZANIA

1. TANZANIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 6 CONFIRMING OCCURRENCE OF CHOLERA IN FOUR WARDS OF KYELA DISTRICT, MBEYA REGION. KYELA DISTRICT IS LOCATED AT NORTH END OF LAKE NYASA AND BORDERS ON MALAWI. FIVE CASES OF CHOLERA HAVE BEEN REPORTED, TWO OF WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH. STATEMENT SAID THIS IS FIRST TIME CHOLERA HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN TANZANIA.
 2. MINISTRY OF HEALTH IS REPORTEDLY TAKING ALL NECESSARY PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO CONTAIN SITUATION. MINISTRY SAID IT IS NOT LIKELY CHOLERA WILL SPREAD TO OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO RADIO TANZANIA, IT IS BELIEVED CHOLERA ENTERED TANZANIA FROM MALAWI.
 3. COMMENT: THERE IS CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT--BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL--ACROSS TANZANIA-MALAWI BORDER IN VICINITY OF KYELA DISTRICT. IT WOULD APPEAR MORE LIKELY THAT CHOLERA HAD COME VIA MALAWI RATHER THAN FROM MOZAMBIQUE AND ALONG EASTERN EDGE OF LAKE NYASA.
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